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Dear Mr. David:

This is in response to your 10 January letter to Mr. Helms requesting comments on a proposed report on social security and Federal employment to be submitted by the Social Security Administration to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance.

As stated in Mr. Maury's letter to you of 20 December 1968, we endorse the report's general objectives of providing needed protection for Federal employees, and their dependents and survivors, by transferring Federal employee credits to social security and guaranteeing minimum staff retirement system benefits equal to social security benefit levels.

As you know, most employees of this Agency are covered by the Civil Service Retirement System, administered by the Civil Service Commission, but others participate in the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (P. L. 88-643), administered by the Director of Central Intelligence. We therefore are especially pleased to note that in the "Conclusions and Recommendations" section of the proposed report the Central Intelligence Agency retirement system is included, along with the Civil Service and Foreign Service retirement systems, in recommendation 3(a), "Transfer of credits to social security," and recommendation 3(b), "Guaranteed minimum civil service benefits."

We appreciate this opportunity to comment on the proposed report.

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